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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
3,901,180	Allen et al.	Aug 26, 1975
4,473,935	Tatsuura et al.	Oct 02, 1984
4,946,021	Murphy	Aug 07, 1990
5,092,729	Yamazaki et al.	Mar 03, 1992
5,332,012	Sugita et al.	Jul 26, 1994
5,377,896	Lopata	Jan 03, 1995
5,736,464	Opower	Apr 07, 1998
6,080,957	Menschig et al.	Jun 27, 2000

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENT(S) :**

<u>Country</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Date of Publication</u>
Germany	32 22 657	Dec 30, 1982
Germany	196 37 822	Mar 28, 1998

DE 32 22 657 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent No. 4,473,935 submitted herewith.

DE 196 37 822 has an English language counterpart, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,080,597 submitted herewith.

Copies of the foreign patent references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject patent application, and therefore no fee is due.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)


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